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SUBJ: STUDENTS CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT UNIVERSITIES

1. IN A MAY 26 LETTER TO ACHEAMPONG, FINAL YEAR STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF GHANA (LEGON) REITERATED REFUSAL TO RETURN TO CAMPUS OR SIT FOR EXAMINATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, STUDENTS SAID THEY WOULD NOT ENTER RESIDENCES OR WRITE EXAMINATIONS "UNTIL AND UNLESS ALL STUDENTS AT HOME, IN HOSPITALS AND IN JAIL HAVE BEEN CALLED BACK INTO RESIDENCE." IN ADDTION, STUDENTS SUPPORTED REASON UNDERLYING EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS -- OPPOSITION TO UNION GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND NEPOTISM IN HIGH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AND ACCUSATIONS OF ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT "WHICH HAS LED TO THE PRESENT HIGH COST OF LIVING AND GENERAL DEGRADATION IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE AVERAGE GHANAIAN." COPIES OF LETTER WERE SENT TO UNIVERSITY OFFICERS; STUDENT GROUPS AT LEGON, KUMASI
AND CAPE COAST: AND TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ACCRA.

2. COMMENT: PERHAPS CONSIDERING IT HAD MOVED TOO HASTILY, GOG AFTER CLOSING UNIVERSITIES MAY 13 TEN OFFERED TO LET
MEDICAL AND FINAL YEAR STUDNETS COME BACK FOR
EXAMINATIONS. HOWEVER, STUDENTS DID NOT BITE AND HAVE
STAYED AWAY FROM CAMPUS. FINAL YEAR STUDENTS' STAND
SUGGESTS CONFRONTATION WILL NOT BE RESOLVED IN NEAR
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FUTURE.

3. IN MAY 26 LETTER, STUDENTS ALSO PROTESTED ARREST
LAST WEEK OF SECOND YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT K.M. JONES
QUARTEY, WHO WAS PICKED UP BY POLICE IN EARLY MORNING
HOURS FOR PASTING ANTI-REGIME POSTERS ON WALLS OF
MAKOLA MARKET IN DOWNTOWN ACCRA AND CHARGED WITH

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SEDITION. DESCRIBING JONES QUARTEY AS AN "INNOCENT BOY WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS MERELY TOHAVE DISAGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON NATIONAL ISSUES," STUDENTS CHALLENGED GOVERNMENT TO PUBLISH THE CHARGES HE WAS POSTING WHEN ARRESTED.

4. JONES QUARTEY, BORN IN ACCRA OF GHANAIAN FATHER, HAS DUAL GHANAIAN/US NATIONALITY. HIS MOTHER, A US CIT AND TEACHER AT LEGON WHO IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY, DISCUSSED HIS ARREST WITH US MAY 31 BUT ASKED FOR NO ASSISTANCE. SHE RECONGNIZES THAT HER SON IS REGARDED BY GOG AS GHANAIAN CITIZEN AND IS WORKING QUIETLY THROUGH WELL-CONNECTED FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR HIS EARLY RELEASE.
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